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COMMENTS INVITED ON SECTION 214 APPLICATION TO GRANDFATHER DOMESTIC LEGACY VOICE AND/OR LOW SPEED DATA SERVICES

WC Docket No. 22-106

Comments Due: March 18, 2022

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures and dates apply to the application(s) (the Section 214 Discontinuance Application(s)) listed in the Appendix.

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau), upon initial review, has found the Section 214 Application(s) listed herein to be acceptable for filing and subject to the procedures set forth in Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules.¹ The application(s) request authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,³ to grandfather certain domestic telecommunications service(s) (Affected Service(s)) in specified geographic areas (Service Area(s)) as applicable and as fully described in each application.

In accordance with section 63.71(k)(3) of the Commission's rules, the Section 214 Application(s) listed in the Appendix will be deemed granted automatically on **April 2, 2022**, the 25th day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies any applicant(s) that their grant will not be automatically effective.⁴ We note that the date on which an application for Commission authorization is deemed granted may be different from the date on which applicants are authorized to grandfather service ("Authorized Date"). Any applicant whose application has been deemed granted may grandfather their Affected Service(s) in their Service Area(s) on or after the authorized date(s) specified in the Appendix, in accordance with their filed representations. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(k)(3), and the terms outlined in each application, absent further Commission action, each applicant may grandfather the Affected Service(s) in the Service Area(s) described in their application on or after the authorized date(s) listed in the Appendix. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision(s), the date of "public notice" shall be the auto grant date stated above in this Public Notice, or the release date(s) of any further public notice(s) or order(s) announcing final Commission action, as applicable.

¹ 47 CFR § 63.71. See Appendix for additional details regarding specific proceedings.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214.

³ 47 CFR § 63.71.

⁴ See 47 CFR § 63.71(k)(3) (stating, in relevant part, that "[a]n application filed by any carrier seeking to grandfather any legacy voice service or to grandfather any data service operating at speeds lower than 1.544 Mbps for existing customers shall be automatically granted on the 25th day ... unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective.").

Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding(s) listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket(s) will be closed.

Comments objecting to the application listed in the Appendix must be filed with the Commission on or before **March 18, 2022**. Comments should refer to the specific WC Docket No. and Comp. Pol. File No. listed in the Appendix for the particular Section 214 Application that the commenter intends to address. Comments should include specific information about the impact of the proposed grandfathering on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁵ Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit one additional copy for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail.⁶ All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Copies of the comments may also be emailed to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, using the contact information listed in the Appendix for the appropriate Section 214 Application. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant(s).

These proceedings are considered "permit but disclose" proceedings for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁷ Participants should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

⁶ Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Filing*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (OMD 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

⁷ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b).

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For further information, please see the contacts for the specific proceeding you are interested in as listed in the Appendix. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/domestic-section-214-discontinuance-service>.

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Appendix

- 1) Applicants: Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries⁸ (Frontier)**
WC Docket No. 22-106, Comp. Pol. File No. 1771
Link – [https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?q=\(\(proceedings.name:\(\(22%5C-106*\)\)%20OR%20proceedings.description:\(\(22%5C-106*\)\)\)\)&sort=date_disseminated,DESC](https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/filings?q=((proceedings.name:((22%5C-106*))%20OR%20proceedings.description:((22%5C-106*))))&sort=date_disseminated,DESC)
Affected Services – Integrated Services Digital Network-Basic Rate Interface
Service Areas – Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.
Authorized Date – on or after April 2, 2022
Contact – Kimberly Jackson, (202) 418-7393 (voice), Kimberly.Jackson@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau
Note: Frontier proposes to grandfather the affected services as follows: on or after **April 2, 2022**, Frontier will no longer offer the affected services to new customers and existing customers will no longer be permitted to make moves, additions and changes.

⁸ Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Citizens Telecommunications of Nevada, Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C., Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia, Citizens Utilities Rural Company, Inc., Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, LLC, CTSI, LLC, Frontier California Inc., Frontier Communications – Midland, Inc., Frontier Communications of America, Inc., Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc., Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC, Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC, Frontier Communications of DePue, Inc., Frontier Communications of Georgia, LLC, Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc., Frontier Communications of Indiana LLC, Frontier Communications of Iowa, LLC, Frontier Communications of Lakeside, Inc., Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC, Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc., Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc., Frontier Communications of Mississippi, LLC, Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc., Frontier Communications of New York, Inc., Frontier Communications of Orion, Inc., Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, LLC, Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, Frontier Communications of Rochester, Inc., Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc., Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc., Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC, Frontier Communications of the South, LLC, Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc., Frontier Communications of Thorntown LLC, Frontier Communications of Virginia, Inc., Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC, Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc., Frontier Communications – Prairie, Inc., Frontier Communications – Schuyler, Inc., Frontier Florida LLC, Frontier Midstates Inc., Frontier North Inc., Frontier Southwest Incorporated, Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc., Frontier West Virginia Inc., GVN Services d/b/a Global Valley Long Distance, Navajo Communications Company, Inc., NCC Systems, Inc., Ogden Telephone Company, SNET America, Inc., Southern New England Telephone Company, and CTE Telecom, LLC.